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ACTION EA-01

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USINFO ALSO FOR VOA NEWSROOM, IOP/FW AND IEA
BANGKOK FOR HEDGES
BANGKOK, HONG KONG AND SAIGON FOR VOA CORRESPONDENTS
STATE FOR S/PRS AND EA/P

1. THE NORMAL WEEK-END LULL DID NOT SLOW DOWN THE FIGHTING AT SEVERAL KEY TOWNS AND LOCATIONS IN THE KHMER REPUBLIC.

2. AT SVAY RIENG, SCENE OF YESTERDAY'S CRASH OF A KAF C-123, DOWNED BY ENEMY FIRE, ENEMY ATTACKS AGAINST THIS LONG-ENCIRCLED TOWN CONTINUED. AT 2300 HOURS ON OCTOBER 11, FIVE 105 HOWITZR SHELLS STRUCK SVAY RIENG. ON OCTOBER 12 TWO MORE 105 ROUNDS AGAIN HIT THE CITY. NO CASUALTIES ARE REPORTED. TO THE SOUTHWEST, FANK REPORTS RETAKING TWO POSITIONS THAT WERE LOST A FEW DAYS EARLIER. HARD FIGHTING WAS REPORTED IN THIS PHASE OF THE CONTEST. EIGHTEEN ENEMY SOLDIERS ARE REPORTED KILLE
IN THIS ACTION.

3. HEAVIER ACTION WAS REPORTED AT LOVEK, SOME 35 KILOMETERS NORTH-WEST OF PHNOM PENH. IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF OCTOBER 13 ENEMY UNITS WERE REPORTED TO HAVE DRIVEN FANK UNITS FROM TWO POSITIONS. THESE WERE, RETAKEN BY FANK FORCES A FEW HOURS LATER IN A COUNTERATTACK.

4. ALONG ROUTE FOUR, KC MORTAR ATTACKS CONTINUED AGAINST DAS
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KANCHOR. AT TALAT THERE WAS A GROUND ATTACK BY ENEMY UNITS. AND,

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AT KOMPONG SEILA THREE ENEMY GROUND ATTACKS ARE REPORTED.
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